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SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION

I, Philip Chauvet, a citizen of the United States whose post office address is 6644 Rippling Brook S.E., Salem, OR 97301 declares and states as follows:

I, Rod L. Blair, a citizen of the United States whose post office address is 11009 Dapple Way Bakersfield, CA 93312 declares and states as follows:

1. I verily believe that I am the first and original inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the original U.S. Patent No. 6,629,899 granted October 7, 2003, for "INFLATABLE HOOP/BASKET/GOAL", for which invention I seek a reissue patent.

2. I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof or was patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to the original application, or was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the original application, or was patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of the original application in any country foreign to the United States of America based on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assignees more than twelve months prior to the original application.

3. I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification and the claims.

4. I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

5. I verily believe that through error, and without any deceptive intention on my part, that the original patent is partly or wholly inoperative due to the fact that:

- a) Original claims 1-8 were unduly limited because they included the limitation " wherein said goal is approximately eight feet tall" (claim 1) b) Original claims 9-16 were unduly limited because they included the limitation " wherein said goal is approximately six feet tall" (claim 9) c) Original claims 1-16 were defective because the claim terms included the limitation "non-elastic material" for the inflatable goal (claim 1 and 9). Since the inflatable goal is flexible and fills with air, it cannot also be non-elastic. Further, such claims erroneously fail to include claimable inventive aspects of my invention. I verily believe that at the time of my invention there were novel aspects of my invention which merited at least some level of separate and broader claiming than that exhibited by independent claims 1 and 9 of the original patent. These aspects include: 1) The inflatable goal size is not limited by the 6 and 8 foot limitation.; 2) The non-elastic material claimed in claims 1-16 makes the claim ineffective since the goal is inflatable and would inherently have some elasticity due to the collapsed and inflated states of the goal.

6. Support for aspects a-c and the newly added claims containing those features is found in at least Figure 1-7 and pages 1-4 of the specification.

7. All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application, up to the time of filing the Declaration, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant.


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8. I further hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: February 25 2005


Philip G. Chauvet

Date: February 25 2005


Rod L. Blair